

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

MICHAEL TEE STOKES SR.,)
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 Plaintiff,) 4:16CV3027
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 v.)
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 SCOTT WHITE,) ORDER
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 Defendant.)
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Plaintiff has filed a Motion for Appointment of Counsel. (Filing No. [21](#).) The court cannot routinely appoint counsel in civil cases. In [*Davis v. Scott, 94 F.3d 444, 447 \(8th Cir. 1996\)*](#), the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals explained that “[i]ndigent civil litigants do not have a constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel. The trial court has broad discretion to decide whether both the plaintiff and the court will benefit from the appointment of counsel[.]” [*Id.*](#) (internal citation and quotation marks omitted). No such benefit is apparent at this time. Thus, Plaintiff’s request for the appointment of counsel will be denied.

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Counsel (Filing No. [21](#)) is denied.

DATED this 6th day of December, 2016.

BY THE COURT:
s/ *Richard G. Kopf*
Senior United States District Judge